

REMARKS

Applicant, having received a Notice of Allowance mailed September 24, 2003, in the above-identified application, requests that the Examiner consider and enter the instant Amendment, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312.

Consideration of this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is deemed appropriate to improve the syntax and form of the subject application. As amended, claims 6, 22 and 33 will read more clearly in the issued patent, and thus will enable the public to more readily understand Applicant's invention.

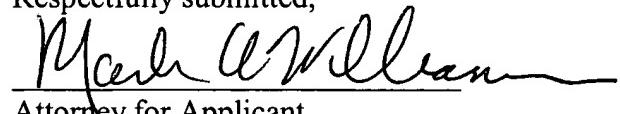
Applicant submits that these changes are directed to purely formal matters and do not substantively affect the scope of the claimed invention.

As the Examiner is familiar with the subject application, Applicant believes that consideration of the instant Amendment will result in no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner enter this Amendment.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

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